

REMARKS

The final Office Action of April 19, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 56 and 61-63 have been amended and claims 60 and 64-68 have been canceled. Claims 56-59 and 61-63 are pending.

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 66 and 67 were objected to because of certain informalities.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 56-59 were rejected under § 102(e) as being anticipated by Micalizzi, Jr. et al.

In paragraph 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 65-68 were rejected under § 103(a) over Micalizzi, Jr. et al. in view of Nelson et al.

In paragraph 5 on page 7 of the Office Action, claims 60-63 were objected to as being dependent upon a base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have canceled claim 60. Claim 56 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 60. Claims 61-63 have been amended to correct their dependency in view of cancellation of claim 60. Claims 64-68 have been canceled. .

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

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